

# MINUTES

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan

September 25, 2003  
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Treasurer  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate  
Mr. John C. Austin  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald M. Turner  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)  
Ms. Sue C. Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mr. Bill Cecil, Michigan Teacher of the Year

Absent: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Straus, President, chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Watkins, who was on annual leave to participate as a member of the United States Education Leaders delegation to China. Mrs. Straus called the regular meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

#### II. AGENDA MATERIALS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD

- A. Report on Property Transfers
- B. Approval of January 1, 2003 – June 30, 2003 Report of the State Board of Education Expenses
- C. 2003-2004 Comprehensive School Reform Program

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Property Transfers – added to agenda

- B. Approval of January 1, 2003 – June 30, 2003 Report of State Board of Education Expenses – added to agenda
- C. 2003-2004 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement – Initial – added to agenda
- D. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment (Akron–Fairgrove Schools) – added to agenda
- E. 2003-2004 Comprehensive School Reform Program – Amendment – added to agenda

Mrs. Straus asked that the following item be added to the agenda as a discussion item: Election of State Board of Education Vice President.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, REGINALD M. TURNER

Mrs. Straus introduced Mr. Reginald M. Turner, who was appointed to the Board today, September 25, 2003, by Governor Jennifer Granholm to fill the vacancy created when Mrs. Sharon Gire resigned to become Director of the Office of Services to the Aging.

Mrs. Straus said Mr. Turner is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and immediate Past President of the State Bar of Michigan. She said Mr. Turner was a White House Fellow working with Housing and Urban Development, and also completed a Michigan Supreme Court clerkship with then-Justice Dennis Archer. Mrs. Straus said she is pleased to welcome Mr. Turner, an outstanding, experienced attorney, who is committed to public education.

Mrs. Straus said that although Mr. Turner was sworn into office earlier in the day, she wanted to publicly administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Turner. Mrs. Straus read the Oath of Office, and Mr. Turner repeated the Oath.

V. INTRODUCTION OF MARTIN ACKLEY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Mrs. Straus introduced Mr. Martin Ackley, who was recently hired as the Department's Public Information Officer, replacing Mr. T. J. Bucholz who accepted a job as Director of Communications for the Department of Community Health. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Ackley has experience in journalism, policy, and legislative activities, and she is pleased to welcome him as the Department's spokesperson.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:28 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Straus called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Education *YES!*/Adequate Yearly Progress Report Card

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Pam Wong, Chief of Staff
- Mr. Paul Bielawski, Special Assistant for Underperforming Schools

B. Update on No Child Left Behind Act Strategic Plan Process

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Administrator for No Child Left Behind and Organizational Development

X. RECESS

The Board recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

C. Presentation on Challenge Day

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Ms. Deb Havens, Chair of the Challenge Day October Event
- Mr. Jeff Gabrielson, Challenge Day Facilitator
- Ms. Pat Lewis, Special Education Paraprofessional, Novi Middle School
- Ms. Mary Ann Wizinsky, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, Novi Middle School
- Mr. Ed Schoendorff, Associate Director of Bands, Manchester High School
- Ms. Chelsea Render, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, Manchester High School
- Ms. Katie Hildreth, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Novi Middle School
- Mr. Kevin Michalzuk, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Novi Middle School

D. Report on Michigan Department of Education Charter School Review

The following individuals participated in the presentation:

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Mrs. Mary T. Wood, Citizen, Warren
- Mr. Greg Olszta, Public School Academy Liaison
- Mr. Dan Quisenberry, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Public School Academies

E. Report on High Priority Schools

- Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, Special Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer

F. Discussion on Developing a Draft Position Paper on Universal Education

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

XII. RECESS

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Mrs. Weiser ended her telephone connection for the lunch recess.

## REGULAR MEETING

### XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 28, 2003

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of Meeting of August 28, 2003.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus  
Absent during vote: Austin, Turner, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

### XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There were no individuals present who wished to offer comments.

Mrs. Weiser rejoined the meeting via telephone at 1: 30 p.m.

### XV. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; and Ms. Nancy Mincemoyer, Administrator for No Child Left Behind and Organizational Development; presented Approval of Criteria for the Mathematics and Science Partnership Competitive Grant Program.

Ms. Mincemoyer said that Title II, Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act authorizes a Mathematics and Science Partnerships (MSP) program. She said the 2003-04 competitive MSP grants program is intended to increase the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers.

Ms. Mincemoyer said priority will be given to Mathematics and Science Centers, mathematics teachers in grades 3-8 who are not highly qualified in mathematics, and schools identified as needing improvement in mathematics.

**Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Mathematics and Science Partnership Program, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 18, 2003.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser  
Absent during vote: Austin, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

XVI. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL HEALTH STATE BOARD POLICIES:  
(1) POLICY ON COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS  
TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND HEALTHY  
SCHOOLS, (2) POLICY TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND PREVENT  
DISEASE AND PREGNANCY, AND (3) POLICY ON QUALITY  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Acting Director, Office of School Excellence; Ms. Elizabeth Haller, Acting Supervisor, Curriculum Leadership and School Health Programs, Office of School Excellence; and Mr. Nick Drzal, Nutrition Food Management Consultant, Office of School Excellence; presented Approval of School Health State Board Policies: (1) Policy on Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement and Healthy Schools, (2) Policy to Promote Health and Prevent Disease and Pregnancy, and (3) Policy on Quality Physical Education.

Mrs. Straus said Ms. Haller has been invited to present Michigan's coordinated school health programs to the Chronic Disease Director of the Centers for Disease Control on November 3, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Michigan is recognized as a leader in the area of coordinated school health programs, and is the only state that has been asked to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Straus said that at the January 23, 2003, State Board of Education meeting, the Healthy Schools Network presented information on Coordinated School Health Programs and Network activities. Mrs. Straus said the Board asked staff to develop policies for schools addressing specific health issues.

Ms. Galloway said the policies are based on data obtained from the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey administered to Michigan high school students.

Ms. Haller said funding for the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education has been reduced from \$3.8 million to \$500,000.

Mrs. McGuire asked about a policy on vending machines and nutritious snacks. Ms. Haller said Mr. Nick Drzal, Nutrition Food Management Consultant, Office of School Excellence, is working on a policy that will be presented to the Board at the November meeting. Mrs. Straus said Mr. Austin is also interested in this policy. Mr. Drzal said the approach taken in the position paper is positive stressing the need to include certain foods, rather than exclude foods. Ms. Haller said the draft of the position paper would be provided to the Board for review.

Mr. Austin said he has been working with staff in the Department of Agriculture, and a meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2003, to discuss collaboration in the area of nutritious school meals and snacks.

Ms. Haller said "The Role of Michigan Schools in Promoting Healthy Weight – A Consensus Paper" is getting national press attention. Ms. Haller said Michigan has chosen not to require measurement of body mass index for every

student, as some states have done, but rather direct people to the guidelines outlined in the healthy weight paper. Mrs. Weiser asked that the Board discuss the issue of body mass index in six months.

Mrs. Bauer suggested that some of the tobacco tax money should be used for the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health. Mrs. Straus said the Board made a previous statement regarding the use of tobacco tax dollars to fund prevention programs in the area of school health.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the School Health State Board Policies: (1) Policy on Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement and Healthy Schools, (2) Policy to Promote Health and Prevent Disease and Pregnancy, and (3) Policy on Quality Physical Education as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 19, 2003.**

Ms. Barb Flis, Health Consultant, Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, said the policies promote parent engagement and involvement. Ms. Flis said these policies help families as well as students promote healthy behaviors at school and in homes. Ms. Flis commended Department School Health Staff for true parent involvement.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The School Health State Board Policies: (1) Policy on Coordinated School Health Programs to Support Academic Achievement and Healthy Schools, (2) Policy to Promote Health and Prevent Disease and Pregnancy, and (3) Policy on Quality Physical Education are attached as Exhibit A.

#### XVII. ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Straus said that due to the resignation of Mrs. Sharon Gire effective June 4, 2003, from the State Board of Education it is necessary for the State Board of Education to elect a Vice President. Mrs. Straus said the office of Vice President was declared vacated at the June 26, 2003, Board meeting, and nominations are now in order.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that Dr. Moyer be nominated for Vice President of the State Board of Education.**

**Mrs. Weiser moved, that Mr. Austin be nominated for Vice President of the State Board of Education.**

Mr. Austin thanked Mrs. Weiser for the nomination, but declined.

**Mrs. Weiser withdrew her nomination of Mr. Austin.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Straus declared Dr. Herbert Moyer the Vice President of the State Board of Education. She said the office of Treasurer is now declared vacant.

Mr. Turner left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**XVIII. PRESENTATION BY DETROIT CITY WIDE STUDENT COUNCIL**

A presentation by the Detroit City Wide Student Council was done by Mr. Frederick Payne, Parent and Community Liaison; Ms. Jennifer Joubert, Chief of Staff of Detroit Public Schools; and Detroit City Wide Student Council Executive Council Members Mr. Quantez Pressley, President; Mr. William Holley, President-Elect; Mr. Bryan Barnhill, Vice President; Ms. Marchelle Brooks, Recording Secretary; Ms. Camara Mathis, Corresponding Secretary; and Ms. Evette Hollins, Parliamentarian.

Mr. Payne said Mr. Watkins invited the Detroit City Wide Student Council to present to the State Board of Education after hearing Mr. Holley's impressive presentation to the Detroit Board of Education.

Mr. Pressley shared a computer presentation on the missions of the Detroit City Wide Student Council: (1) provide a voice on local, state and federal issues; (2) encourage diversity and leadership among peers; (3) promote nonviolence in communities; (4) speak on the good qualities of the Detroit Public Schools; and (5) mentor underclassmen.

Ms. Brooks said there were many accomplishments of the 2002-2003 school year including: (1) Michigan Youth in Government training; (2) diversity and leadership training; (3) giving back to the community through various events; (4) promoting nonviolence; and (5) round table discussion with the Chief Executive Officer of Detroit Public Schools.

Ms. Mathis said goals for the 2003-2004 school year include: (1) starting a mentoring program; (2) forming an association of student governments outside the city of Detroit; and (3) getting recognition from the Mayor's Office and Detroit City Council.

Mr. Pressley asked that the Detroit City Wide Student Council and its coalition of students have ongoing communications the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Straus said she would like a student to be present at the Board table on a regular basis to provide a student voice during Board deliberations.

Ms. Joubert said [www.detroit.k12.org](http://www.detroit.k12.org) will have a link to the Detroit City Wide Student Council within the next two weeks.

Mr. Austin invited students to communicate with Board members via [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde).

Mr. Cecil encouraged students to visit elementary schools as they mentor underclassmen. He said older students have a powerful voice with younger students.

Information on Challenge Day, as presented earlier in the meeting, was shared with members of the Detroit City Wide Student Council, based on a suggestion by several Board members.

Mrs. Straus thanked the Detroit City Wide Student Council members for their excellent presentation.

This was a presentation only and no action was required.

XIX. REPORT ON THE RESPONSE OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF TEACHERS TO MEET NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Report on the Response of the Michigan Department of Education to Support the Needs of Teachers to Meet No Child Left Behind Requirements.

Dr. Smith said the State Board of Education approved “The Michigan Definition for Identifying Highly Qualified Teachers” on April 24, 2003. Dr. Smith said the State Board of Education requested a report on the efforts of teacher preparation institutions to support the educational needs of teachers who must meet No Child Left Behind highly qualified requirements. Dr. Smith said the report identifies necessary policy changes, fiscal resources, and activities to assist teachers in meeting No Child Left Behind requirements by 2006.

Ms. Carnell asked if consideration has been given to changing the requirement that a teacher must be endorsed in a minor before they become endorsed to teach. Mrs. Straus said that issue is part of the Update on Educational Legislation to be presented later in today’s meeting.

Ms. Carnell suggested that a status report be provided every six months.

Mrs. Weiser asked several questions regarding the Department’s response to the *Education Week* survey. Dr. Smith indicated that she could not respond to the specific questions, but said that staff could provide information to the Board at a future meeting.

Mrs. Weiser said she is concerned that capacity be created for training programs to help teachers fulfill highly qualified status.

Mr. Austin encouraged the Board and Department to continue to communicate various avenues teachers can use to achieve highly qualified status. He said he believes teachers are not receiving this message clearly.

Mr. Austin said he and Mrs. Weiser encourage an accountability system that assesses performance and quality of teachers.

Mr. Austin said higher education institutions should focus on partnering with districts that need the most help in obtaining highly qualified teachers. Dr. Smith said professional development funds approved through the Office of Professional Preparation Services have focused efforts on high priority schools, and the Mathematics and Science Partnership Competitive Grant Program approved earlier today is another example of targeting funding to high priority schools.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education receive the Report on the Response of the Michigan Department of Education to Support the Needs of Teachers to Meet No Child Left Behind Requirements, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum of September 10, 2003.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser  
Absent: Turner**

**The motion carried.**

**XX. APPROVAL OF STANDARDS, REQUIREMENTS, AND PROCEDURES FOR INITIAL APPROVAL OF TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTIONS**

Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation Services, presented Approval of Standards, Requirements, and Procedures for Initial Approval of Teacher Preparation Institutions.

Dr. Smith said the State Board of Education has adopted policies, procedures, and standards for the initial approval of institutions that wish to prepare teachers in Michigan. Dr. Smith said the procedures have been in place since 1970, and were updated in 1997. She said the procedures proposed at today's meeting will bring the process up to date and have been reviewed by current Committee of Scholars teams and piloted by several institutions seeking initial approval to offer teacher preparation programs.

Mr. Cecil said he is concerned that 30 to 50 percent of new teachers leave the career within 3 to 5 years. He said he struggles with this reality and wonders if teachers are well prepared or if the teaching environment is a factor. Dr. Smith said earlier field experience, such as observation, is being emphasized to address this issue. Dr. Smith said the Board will soon be receiving a report on the mentoring and induction standards for teachers.

**Mrs. Weiser moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the Standards, Requirements, and Procedures for Initial Approval of Teacher Preparation Institutions, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated September 18, 2003.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser  
Absent: Turner**

**The motion carried.**

**XXI. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION**

Ms. Elaine Madigan, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, presented an Update on Educational Legislation.

Ms. Madigan said Representative Brian Palmer, Chair of the House Education Committee, sent a letter to Mr. Watkins to be shared with Board members clarifying the intent of the Subcommittee on Intermediate School District Review. Mrs. Straus said the Board appreciates Representative Palmer's efforts to inform the Board that the subcommittee will review the role that intermediate school districts currently play in the education marketplace and deliberate their role for the future. Mrs. Straus said Representative Palmer's letter further states that the Subcommittee will also focus on highlighting and encouraging the benefits that many intermediate school districts provide to their communities

Ms. Madigan said the Governor's Office recently requested that each department submit its top three legislative priorities. Ms. Madigan said based on the State Board of Education priorities, the Department identified teacher certification subject area examination, teacher incentives in areas of critical need, and professional development. Ms. Madigan thanked Ms. Carol Easlick, Office of Government Services and Customer Satisfaction, for her work in coordinating the Department's response to this request.

Mr. Austin said he is pleased that the priorities are investments in teachers and professional development by providing support, while maintaining high expectations.

Ms. Madigan distributed a Status Update on 2003-2004 Legislative Initiatives highlighting the status of State Board task force recommendations.

Ms. Madigan said there will be a Revenue Consensus Conference on October 14, 2003.

Mrs. Straus said that the State Board Legislative Subcommittee met on September 24, 2003, and discussed priorities for maintaining funding.

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education support the following priorities for maintaining State Aid funding: foundation grant, at risk pupils, teen health centers, Michigan School Readiness Program, Great Parents – Great Start, Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health, and declining enrollment.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser  
Absent: Austin, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

Ms. Madigan said other funding issues that are not included in State Aid and have been identified by the Legislative Subcommittee as major issues are infrastructure and land use.

**Mrs. Bauer moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that staff develop a communication to be sent to the Legislature identifying school infrastructure and land use as funding priorities.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser  
Absent: Austin, Turner**

**The motion carried.**

Mrs. Bauer said the total cost of computer operation including training and technical support is a funding issue that needs to be addressed.

Mrs. Straus asked if the laptop program includes technical support for computers. Ms. Carnell said support is included in the program.

Dr. Moyer said Monroe County is the only county in the state that passed a county-wide millage for technology. Dr. Moyer said countywide millages should also be used for early childhood education for children birth through four years of age.

Mrs. McGuire asked about administrator certification. Mrs. Straus said the Legislative Subcommittee discussed administrator certification and the legislation which is currently pending. She said fees will be collected to cover the cost of the program.

Ms. Madigan distributed a copy of the Governor's press release dated September 24, 2003, regarding the pending charter school legislation agreement.

Ms. Madigan distributed a list of pending legislation related to intermediate school districts. Ms. Madigan said public hearings are being convened, and a report will be given to the Board at a later date.

Ms. Linda Myers, Michigan Education Association (MEA), said that Board members will be receiving an invitation to attend the MEA Legislative Conference on November 8, 2003, in Lansing.

This was an update only and no action was required.

Ms. Carnell left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

## XXII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. Oakland Schools Board of Education Vacancies Filled

Mrs. Straus said the two vacancies on the Oakland Schools Board of Education were filled. Mrs. Straus distributed a press release from Oakland Schools stating that the Oakland Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint former State Representative, Mrs. Pan Godchaux, and President of the South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education, Mr. George Ehlert, to fill the vacancies through June 2004, when the terms expire.

### B. First Annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education

Mrs. Straus said on September 20-22, 2003, she attended the First Annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education funded by Congress to address the low level of civic engagement in America. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Linda Start, Executive Director of The Center for Civic Education Through Law, facilitated the Michigan delegation. Mrs. Straus said Michigan participants included Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Senator Ron Jelinek, Mr. Eric Rader and Ms. Leslie Salba of the Governor's Office, Mr. John Lore of Michigan Connect, Representative Doug Hart, and Mrs. Straus.

Dr. Moyer said Exchange Clubs have a curriculum and program they have been sharing across the nation, and several Michigan school districts have implemented the program.

### C. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Resolution

Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Sharon Gire, Director of Office of Services to the Aging, was very appreciative of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Resolution that the Board passed on August 28, 2003. Mrs. Straus said the resolution has received widespread distribution through the Office of Services to the Aging.

D. Adult Literacy Initiative Kickoff at Detroit Public Library

Mrs. Straus said she attended the Adult Literacy Initiative Kickoff at the Detroit Public Library on September 8, 2003. Mrs. Straus said Ms. Gail Torreano, President, SBC; and Mr. Heath Merriweather, Publisher, Detroit Free Press; hosted the event and Ms. Rochelle Riley, Columnist, Detroit Free Press, was a speaker. Mrs. Straus said adult literacy is a necessity, since the expectation is that adults will read to children.

E. Restructuring High Schools

The United States Department of Education is hosting a High School Leadership Summit on restructuring high schools on October 8, 2003, in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Straus said she will attend with Ms. Carnell, Dr. Hughes, and participants from local and intermediate school districts.

Mrs. Straus said she had previously participated in a National Association of States Boards of Education study group on restructuring high schools.

XXIII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- O. Human Resources Report
- P. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- AA. Report on Property Transfers
- BB. Approval of January 1, 2003 – June 30, 2003 Report of State Board of Education Expenses

Grants

- Q. 2003-2004 Rural and Low Income School Program – Initial
- R. 2002-2003 State Competitive Projects, Part C – Amendment
- S. 2003-2004 Michigan School Readiness Program – Initial
- T. 2003 Team Nutrition Training Grant – Initial
- U. 2002-2003 Title II, Dwight D. Eisenhower Grants – Amendment; 2002-2003 Title VI – Innovative Education Program Strategies – Amendment
- V. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment

- W. 2002-2003 Title VI – Innovative Education Program Strategies – Amendment (School Performance Indicators)
- X. 2003-2004 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement – Initial
- Y. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program – Amendment (Akron-Fairgrove Schools)
- Z. 2003-2004 Comprehensive School Reform Program – Amendment

Mrs. Straus distributed copies of “Superintendent’s Report” dated September 2003.

XXIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- A. Vice President Thanks Board – Dr. Moyer

Dr. Moyer thanked Board members for placing their confidence in him by voting for him as Vice President of the State Board of Education earlier in the meeting.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. State Board Meeting in Ewart – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said she is pleased that the State Board of Education will be meeting in her hometown of Ewart on October 23, 2003. Mrs. Curtin distributed copies of a tentative schedule of events for October 22 and 23.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. October 23, 2003 (in Ewart)
- B. November 20, 2003
- C. December 18, 2003

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary